

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph no. [02] at page 1 of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

Conventionally, a ball bearing has often been used as a bearing for the shaft of a motor serving as a drive unit of electric equipment. High-speed rotation of a motor has been rapidly implemented in a hard disk drive, which is a peripheral component of a computer. In this regard, in order to obtain excellent bearing performance with low rotation-speed fluctuation and reduced noise and vibration, or in order to elongate bearing service life, a dynamic-pressure bearing, which uses a fluid, such as air, as a medium, has been employed. The dynamic-pressure bearing operates in the following manner: when, for example, a spindle and a bearing member disposed so as to surround the spindle undergo relative rotation about an axis, the axis of rotation is supported by the action of fluid dynamic-pressure generated in the gap formed between the outer circumferential surface of the spindle and the inner circumferential surface of the bearing member. Further, a certain other bearing is configured such that the thrust face of a spindle or that of a bearing member is supported by action of dynamic pressure through disposition of a thrust plate.